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SUBJ: UNDERGROUND CAMPAIGN AGAINST PAK GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO SOURCE CLOSE TO "MOVEMENT," ANTI-PAK LEAFLETS DISTRIBUTED IN SEOUL JANUARY 18 ARE ONLY FIRST PHASE OF A CAMPAIGN AGAINST PAK GOVERNMENT. ISSUED BY A GROUP CALLING ITSELF "MINT'U," LEAFLETS ARE HARSHLY ANTI-PAK IN TONE AND ADVOCATE "NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE."  
END SUMMARY.

1. ON JANUARY 19, EMBOFFS LEARNED OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT LEAFLETS WHICH HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN SEOUL PREVIOUS EVENING. ONE SAME DAY, MAN IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS ONE KNOWING WELL THE "ANTI-SYSTEM MOVEMENT" IN KOREA BROUGHT TO EMBOFF ONE OF 20,000 SMALL SINGLE-SHEET HANDBILLS WHICH HE SAID HA BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN SEOUL ON JANUARY 18. ANOTHER SOURCE INDICATES AT LEAST ONE OTHER VERSION OF LEAFLET, LARGER IN SIZE, HAS BEEN PICKED UP, AND DONGA ILBO EDITOR HWON O-KIE SPOKE OF THREE VERSIONS, BUT WE HAVE ONLY SEEN THE ONE.

2. SOURCE SAID LEAFLETS HAD BEEN PASSED OUT ONLY IN  
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SEOUL, BY HAND IN PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASSES AND SUBWAY STATIONS, AND FROM CAR ON ELEVATED HIGHWAY OVER CH-ON' GYECH'ON. HE CLAIMED THAT NO ONE HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN PROCESS OF DISTRIBUTION AND THAT TRACING LEAFLETS, WHICH WERE MIMEOGRAPHED FROM HAD-WRITTEN MASTER, WOULD BE NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE. (KOWN O-KIE THOUGHT SOME ARRESTS HAD BEEN MADE BUT WAS NOT SPECIFIC.) SOURCE ALSO SAID A NEWSPAPER

REPORTER WHO PICKED UP ONE OF LEAFLETS HAD NOTIFIED KCIA BY TELEPHONE. A NEWSPAPER REPORTED TOLD US THAT COPIES WERE DELIVERED TO ALL MAJOR FOREIGN NEWS SERVICES IN SEOUL, INCLUDING HAPTONG.

3. LEAFLET IN EMBASSY'S POSSESSION IS ISSUED IN NAME OF "KOREA CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRATIC STRUGGLE" (HAN' GUK MINJU T'UJAENG KUNGMIN WIWONHOE), WHICH IT ABBREVIATES AT "MINT'U" LEAFLET SETS FORTH A FIVE-POINT PLATFORM CALLING FOR A) OVERTHROW OF "PAK CHONG-HUI ONE-MAN TRRANNY" AND REALIZATION OF A BROADER DEMOCRACY, B) NEW SELF-RELIANT ECONOMIC STRUCTURE, C) EQUALITY OF SEXES AND DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL CULTURE, D) END TO POLITICAL INTERFERENCE BY MILITARY, AND E) PEACEFUL UNIFICATION. OVERALL TONE OF LEAFLET IS ONE OF STRONG, PERSONAL ANTIPATHY TOWARD AND EVEN RIDICULE OF PAK. WRITERS SOULD "LIKE STUDENTS FULL OF FIGHTING SPIRIT," ACCORDING TO ONE LONG-TIME OBSERVER. FULL TRANSLATION TO FOLLOW BY POUCH.

4. SOURCE SAID DISTRIBUTION OF LEAFLETS WAS ONLY FIRST STEP IN ANTI-PAK CHONG -HUI ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE NOW PLANNED TO CONTINUE UNTIL CRITICAL POINT IS REACHED "IN MARCH OR APRIL." THESE PLANS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, THOUGH, HE COMMENTED. COMMENT: GIVEN INEVITABLE SHARP RESPONSE OF ROKG TO THESE SORT OF PLANS THE LAST REMAKR SEEMS PARTICULARLY PERCEPTIVE.  
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